

HISTORY OF MINNEHAHA SPRINGS COMMUNITY

(Continued from last week)

The Minnehaha Springs

M. E. Church, South

(Mrs. Elmer Moore)

This church was built in 1926, being formally opened Sunday October 31, of the same year. Rev. Mack Thomason was the pastor at the time. The opening day services consisted of an all day meeting, with dinner on the ground. Rev. J. W. Leggett of Vinton, Va., a former pastor, preached the first sermon at eleven o'clock, and Rev. F. B. Wyand, of Monterey, Va., preached at 2:30 P. M.

This was made a separate appointment on the Huntersville charge in 1915, under the pastorate of Rev. J. W. Leggett. The place of worship was transferred from Browns Mountain school house in which building the worship was held until the completion of this church.

The church building was begun some time during the year 1923, while Rev. Palmer Eubank was the pastor. He was very faithful in all his labors. In the first place, two lots were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Amos McLaughlin as a memorial to their son, C. C. McLaughlin, who died from wounds received in battle in France during the World War. These lots were later exchanged for two lots nearer the parsonage for the reason of better location. Mr. P. A. Rexrode donated the timber for the frame work for the outside of the building. Quite a lot of free labor was given. June 5, 1924, was set apart for the excavation, the men doing the work, and the ladies serv-

ing a free dinner at the parsonage. All denominations gave quite liberally in this community and adjoining communities and also in the town of Marlinton. The largest money donations were made by Elmer Moore, Mrs. Effie Campbell, Mrs. Sidney Wilson, Dr. H. S. Jones, Mr. W. H. Grose, and Mrs. A. D. Cash.

This church is deeply indebted to a very faithful Building Committee, which overcame many trying obstacles. This Committee was: W. H. Grose, President; J. C. Harper, Mr. and Mrs. Amos McLaughlin, G. M. Ervine, Mrs. J. G. Sharp, and Mrs. Elmer Moore, Secretary and Treasurer. The two non-resident members, Mr. Grose and Mr. Harper never missed a committee meeting and deserve special mention for their faithful and most helpful assistance.

Schools of Minnehaha Community

(Mamie White)

We do not boast a high school in our community for the reason that the settlement is a scattered one, but we are proud of the progress the schools have made since the age of the log school house.

When the Civil War began, school was being taught by Miss Mattie Gum, the mother of George Gingar, of Huntersville, in a log school house which stood on the knoll near L. R. Hiveley's residence. The next building used for school in the Sunset neighborhood was on a hill not far from J. A. Cleek's. The last term taught here was by Enoch H. Moore, in the year of 1876 and '77. By the next winter a new building had been constructed at the present location. This was destroyed by fire a few years ago. The building now in use was located on the site of the old one.

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men were excavating for the build-
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a chimney were found; also, tin
pails, knives, forks, spoons, etc.,
which evidence leads one to believe
that several years before, a school
had been located on this site.

COUNTY 4-H CAMP

Camping time is here. The signs
of the moon are right and the alma-
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weeks in July are auspicious ones
for the club members in the county.
We are planning for two weeks of
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